

Minutes of Emneth Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2013 @ Emneth Central Hall, Emneth @ 7.30pm.

In attendance: Cllr. R. Waterfield (in the Chair), Cllr. McCourt, Cllr. Graham, Cllr. Terrington, Cllr. Wiles, Cllr. Towler, Cllr. Curtis, Cllr. White, Cllr. Howard, Cllr. Oliver, Cllr. Harper, County Cllr. Humphrey.

Apologies: Cllr. Fleet.

Parish Clerk: Kate Bennett.

Public None.

635. Apologies for absence

635.1 Apologies were given for absence as listed above.

636. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

636.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

637. Minutes

637.1 The amended minutes (amended at Page 182 Item 617 Planning, Planning app 13/00501/F recommended for approval by Cllr. Harper with 8 in favour, Cllr. Terrington abstained) of the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 30th April 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

There were no members of the public in attendance so no need to adjourn the meeting for the public session.

638. Reports

638.1 **Police Report** – An email from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Norfolk regarding the first Police & Crime Plan for 2013-17 was noted.

638.2 **Borough Councillor Report** – Cllr. Humphrey reported that a further £150,000 had been added to the already £250,000 fund for the fight against the incinerator. The final report from the Inspector is awaited. It is expected that Eric Pickles MP will make his final decision by the end of October 2013.

638.3 **County Councillor Report** – Cllr. Humphrey reported that he had been re-elected at Election time with Conservatives having 40 seats. UKIP are now the 2nd largest party with 15 seats, Labour 10, Liberal Democrats 10, Greens 4, Independent 1. UKIP, Labour & Liberal Democrats formed an Alliance a few days prior to this meeting. There are proposals to change the cabinet system back to the 'committee' style system which allows more input from outside parties/experts into decision making i.e. environment agency, environmental health, NHS, legal experts, contract experts etc. Cllr. Humphrey also reported of an imminent Incinerator Review Meeting, a scrutiny committee to evaluate cancellation costs involved with this project.

638.4 Parish Councillor Reports/Correspondence.

638.4.1 Cllr. Curtis proposed to pay £1149.79 for a 3 year binding agreement for Parish Council Insurance with Came & Co. as of 1st June 2013. Cllr. Harper seconded this proposal, all were in favour.

638.4.2 30th April Ordinary Meeting Minutes had been amended on Pg 182 Item 617 Planning as per minutes.

639. Finance

639.1

Accounts for Payment May 2013						
No.	Name	Chq No.	Description	Net	VAT	Total
12	CGM Landscapes	102298	Topsoil 9 graves	334.00	66.80	400.80
13	*Jean Eady	102299	1st May to 28th May inc. 25 hours	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Norse	102300	6 monthly charge for football pitch	1124.69	224.94	1349.63
15	Norse	102300	6 monthly charge for play area	1750.65	350.13	2100.78
16	CGM Landscapes	102298	Litter pick and mow Betsy Pad	9.75	1.95	11.70
		102298	Litter pick and tidy bus shelter	29.00	5.80	34.80
		102298	Mow churchyard and around village sign	134.50	26.90	161.40
		102298	Mow cemetery	46.00	9.20	55.20
		102298	Mow cemetery	80.00	16.00	96.00
17	BT	102301	Broadband Option 1 rental charges May to July '13	40.50	8.10	48.60
18	*Nicola Lane	102302	to w/e 12th May - 32 hours	352.83	0.00	352.83
19	E.on	102303	Street lighting April '13	137.37	27.47	164.84
20	Westcotec	102304	Street lighting May '13	74.50	14.90	89.40
21	Came & Company	102305	Parish council insurance	1149.79	0.00	1149.79
22	NorfolkALC	102306	Annual subscription	373.80	0.00	373.80
23	Kate Bennett	102307	Postage, mileage	28.87	4.81	33.68
*24	EPFC		Reinstallation of zip wire by Eibe, surplus of £344.03	1659.03	331.80	1990.83
25	Wisbech Tourism Group	102308	Donation for loan of marquee to Hungate Rovers	100.00	0.00	100.00
*salaries shown together for data protection						

All were in favour to pay this month's invoices. Cllr. Waterfield explained that the payment to EPFC needs authorising this month for payment as soon as the PF Committee receive the invoice from Eibe for the reinstallation of the zip wire initially incorrectly installed by CGM and which has been disabled for the last 12 months. EPC are currently holding £1315.00 on behalf of the PF, Eibe's price is an extra £344.03 which, on a proposal from Cllr. McCourt, seconded by Cllr. Oliver, all were in favour of EPC paying the surplus on behalf of the PF. This amount to be transferred from the Claude Coates account when payment is made.

639.2 Income received for the month was noted.

Tony Clingo	Cemetery	£1075.00
Walton	Cemetery	£290.00
Coates	Cemetery	£160.00
Clingo	Cemetery	£575.00
Kings Memls	Cemetery	£80.00

639.3 It was reported that the internal audit had been carried out on Tuesday 21st May by Mrs. Emma Bateman, Clerk to West Walton PC. She noted that the Standing Orders last reviewed in June 2007 will need reviewing some time during 2013/14 and that in 3 years when the parish council insurance is ready for renewal again, 3 quotes should be sought.

639.4 A letter to Barclays Bank advising of the Clerk's new address details was signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

640. Planning

640.1 To receive Planning Applications/Decisions.

Planning app 13/00501/F – Demolition of the existing unauthorised frontage building, erection of a part single storey and part two storey extension and retention of unauthorised extension/elevations to the rear, including the single storey conservatory @ 87 Elm High	Planning app 13/00586/F – Removal of condition 3 to Planning app 12/01544/F, Build a bungalow at Land North of 54 Elmside, Emneth. It was noted that this planning application is going to the Planning Committee for
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<p>Road, Emneth.</p> <p>It was noted that this planning application is going to the Planning Committee for consideration with a recommendation of approval from the BCKLWN planning dept.</p>	<p>consideration with a recommendation of refusal from the BCKLWN planning dept.</p>
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641. Correspondence

641.1 There was no general correspondence for consideration this month.

642. Borough Council of KL & WN issues.

642.1 Cllr. Humphrey reported that the new waste collection system had quietened down a bit now with the BCKLWN reaping £70/tonne from NCC.

643. Norfolk County Council issues.

643.1 Cllr. Humphrey to assist with the cutting back of the hedges at the back of the properties along The Wroe bordering Elmside. The hedges belong to the property owners but all of them require flail mowing if possible. NCC Highways to deal with if possible.

644. Footway Lighting issues.

644.1 Nothing to report this month.

645. Playing Field issues.

645.1 The reinstallation of the zip wire as discussed at item 639.1.

645.2 Cllr. Waterfield will arrange to see Brian Bowser regarding the deed for QE11 Status for the Playing Field as soon as he can.

646. Cemetery issues.

646.1 It was reported that all 9 graves have now been turfed and an invoice received.

646.2 Cllr. Howard left the meeting. The Clerk had sent Mr. Maxey a copy of the plan of the cemetery as requested. Mr. Maxey had emailed the Clerk advising that following his meeting with Mr. & Mrs. Howard their main concerns regarding the sale of their land at this time are, a) the actual boundaries required, b) their preferred option of access being along the western side (next to the vicarage and dyke) of the cemetery, c) Mrs. Howard would like the PC to investigate the piping/filling of the dyke on the western side to provide this access and, d) fencing/screening.

Following discussions with the Chairman, the Clerk had replied to Mr. Maxey suggesting that there may not be sufficient space along the western side of the cemetery to provide a safe thoroughfare alongside an open dyke for the public/pallbearers etc. and maintenance workers/machinery required to gain periodic access to this area. The piping/filling of the dyke would be a major and extremely costly exercise requiring an estimated 1,000 tons of soil to backfill and a lot of lorry/plant traffic requiring access to the site. There are also concerns with piping a dyke next to a piece of land which already has ground water issues – there are parts of the cemetery where it is not possible to dig a double depth grave, particularly in the winter months. There is also the possibility that the effective drainage of this land could be compromised by infilling the dyke; Council would need to seek professional advice. The Clerk explained to Mr. Maxey that the eastern side is the preferred option for a thoroughfare and screening/fencing can be dealt with accordingly. Mr. Maxey’s response is awaited.

647. Agricultural holdings.

647.1 Nothing to report this month.

648. Date of Next Meeting.

648.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th June 2013 @ 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman’s signature -----